

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Health and Hospitals Bureau of Health Services Financing

Inpatient Hospital Services
Pre-Admission Certification
(LAC 50:V.301)

The Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing amends LAC 50: V.301 in the Medical Assistance Program as authorized by R.S. 36:254 and pursuant to Title XIX of the Social Security Act. This Emergency Rule is promulgated in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:953(B)(1) et seq., and shall be in effect for the maximum period allowed under the Act or until adoption of the final Rule, whichever occurs first.

The Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing repealed the December 20, 1985 Rule governing the reimbursement methodology and inpatient admission criteria for designated surgical procedures performed in an ambulatory (outpatient) setting, and amended the provisions of the June 20, 1994 Rule governing registration, length of stay assignments and pre-admission certification for inpatient hospital services to require pre-admission certification for all admissions to non-state and state operated acute care general hospitals (*Louisiana Register*, Volume 36, Number 1). The January 20, 2010 Rule also repromulgated the provisions contained in the June 20, 1994 Rule and a June 20, 2001 Rule governing pre-admission certification and length of stay assignments for inpatient psychiatric services for inclusion in the *Louisiana Administrative Code*.

The department determined that it was necessary to amend the provisions of the January 20, 2010 Rule to revise the provisions governing extensions of the initial length of stay assignment for inpatient hospital admissions (*Louisiana Register*, Volume 36, Number 2). This Emergency Rule is being promulgated to continue the provisions of the January 26, 2010 Emergency Rule. This action is being taken to promote the health and welfare of Medicaid recipients who rely on the services provided by acute care hospitals.

Effective January 22, 2012, the Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing amends the provisions governing pre-admission certification for inpatient hospital services.

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PUBLIC HEALTH—MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

Part V. Hospital Services

Subpart 1. Inpatient Hospitals

Chapter 3. Pre-Admission Certification

§301. General Provisions

A. – F.2. ...

a. Subsequent approved extensions may be submitted for consideration referencing customized data, Southern Regional and national length of stay data.

F.3. – J.3. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 36:254 and Title XIX of the Social Security Act.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 36:66 (January 2010), amended LR 38:0000 (January 2012).

Implementation of the provisions of this Rule may be contingent upon the approval of the U.S. Department of

Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), if it is determined that submission to CMS for review and approval is required.

Interested persons may submit written comments to Don Gregory, Bureau of Health Services Financing, P.O. Box 91030, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9030. He is responsible for responding to all inquiries regarding this Emergency Rule. A copy of this Emergency Rule is available for review by interested parties at parish Medicaid offices.

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